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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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Basis of the opinion

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Box No. II

Priority

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Box No. III

Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

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Box No. IV

Lack of unity of invention

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

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Box No. VI

Certain documents cited

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Box No. VII

Certain defects in the international application

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Box No. VIII

Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. 1

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language

_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

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a sequence listing

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table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

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in written format

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in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

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contained in the international application as filed.

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filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

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furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II

Priority

1. ☐ The following document has not yet been furnished:

☐ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).

☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date in the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

The validity of the priority claim has not been considered because the International Searching Authority does not have in its possession a copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed or, where required, a translation of that earlier application. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1) is the claimed priority date.

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>6, 7</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>1 Reference is made to the following documents:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">D1: US 6 095 554 A</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">D2: DE 100 44 918 A1</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">D3: WO 03/053748 A</p>			
<p>2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1</p>			
<p>2.1 The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">This is because a device with the features of claim 1 is known from D1 (see, in particular, D1, figure 1, reference numerals 12, 13, 18, 20, 50 and 52 and column 5, lines 39-42).</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">A device with the features of claim 1 is also known from D2 (see, in particular, D2, figure 1, reference numerals 12, 15 and 17 and column 2, lines 33-36 and 45-47).</p>			

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3. DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-5

3.1. The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claims 2-5 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).

3.2. D1 also discloses a device with the features of claims 2, 4 and 5.

Claim 2, see D1, column 5, lines 39-42.

Claim 4, see D1, figure 1 and column 3, lines 33-38.

Claim 5, see D1, column 4, lines 12-14 and column 5, lines 8-10.

3.3. D2 also discloses a device with the features of claims 2-4.

Claim 2, see D2, column 2, lines 33-36.

Claims 3 and 4, see D2, column 2, lines 45-47.

4. DEPENDENT CLAIMS 6 and 7

4.1. The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(3) because the subject matter of claims 6 and 7 does not involve an inventive step.

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4.2. These claims contain conventional features which a person skilled in the art uses in connection with the features known from D1 and D2 without thereby being inventive.